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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Williamson County Highway Department facility at 302 Beasley Drive in Franklin, TN. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Stan Tyson, Wayne Davis and Dick Fowlkes.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Joe Horne, Community Development Office; William Andrews and Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Mike Matteson, Planning; David Coleman, Budget Director; Nena Graham, Assistant Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, Randy Hickman and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley & Carson, County Attorney; Carol Edwards, County Mayor's Office; and other interested individuals.

Chair Rogers Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the September 7, 2011 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Mr. Horne introduced his new planner, Anna Shell, who replaced Robbie Hayes. Chair Anderson referenced the e-mail from Sam Cardwell at TDOT with the list of various projects in Williamson County. Chair Anderson also stated that he and Supt. Hood had ridden with TDOT Commissioner John Schroer recently on 840 from Thompson's Station to Burwood. The expected completion date for the project will be December 12, 2012.

Citizens Communication: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 10-11-9. A RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG PERKINS ROAD IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. Chair Anderson explained that this resolution had been deferred from last month due to Commissioner Davis' absence. Commissioner Davis moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Anderson stated that Commissioner Bennett brought an issue to his attention involving the next six resolutions accepting roads in Saddle Springs subdivision. Currently, he stated, developers build roads to our standards, the Highway Superintendent and Engineering Staff review them, and then they are accepted into the County Road System with the passage of a resolution at the County Commission. Currently, the developer's bonds are being released prior to the resolution passage. This process needs to be changed, he continued, so that the bonds are not released until after the roads are accepted into the system. If the bonds are released and then the roads are not accepted into the system, the homeowners are left unprotected, he concluded. Discussion was held about a need for a new policy with the bond release timing to be included in each resolution. The subdivision regulations will need to be updated to include the timing of the bond release which falls under the purview of the Community Development Department.

Resolution 10-11-3. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SADDLE SPRINGS, SECTION 4, PHASE 2A AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF BETHESDA-ARNO ROAD.** Commissioner Bennett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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Resolution 10-11-4. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SADDLE SPRINGS, SECTION 3, PHASE 2A AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTRY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF BETHESDA-ARNO ROAD.** Commissioner Bennett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 10-11-5. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SADDLE SPRINGS, SECTION 2, PHASE 2A AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF BETHESDA-ARNO ROAD.** Commissioner Bennett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 10-11-6. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SADDLE SPRINGS, SECTION 1, PHASE 2A AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF BETHESDA-ARNO ROAD.** Commissioner Bennett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 10-11-20. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.** Supt. Hood explained that he had met with representatives from TDOT for safety concerns on Arno Road from Hwy. 96E to Peytonsville-Trinity Road. He stated that this would be for guardrails and signage with no County funds involved. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Bid Results. Ms. Mitchell presented a bid for a Regular Cab Pickup Truck and recommended the low bid from Walker Chevrolet at \$21,220.00. Commissioner Bennett moved to accept the bid recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports:

There were no reports with the exception of Commissioner Bennett who expressed concern about bicyclists marking up roads with permanent paint. Discussion about the need for a policy pertaining to bikes and who has the authority to prevent this problem. Mr. Cook stated that it is against the law to deface county roads and the Highway Superintendent has the authority now to contact law enforcement in the event someone is caught placing permanent markings on the County roadways. Mr. Horne stated that they were working to educate cyclists, but that weekend enforcement was difficult. Chair Anderson asked Mr. Cook to work on a drafting a policy in this regard.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood referenced the September 2011 Activity Report and stated that they were paving Fernvale Road, Deer Ridge and working on paving at the jail.

Highway Chairman Report: The chair had no report.

Legal Issues: There were none.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor